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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: HONOLULU CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER TAX INCREASE

Mayor Harris' proposed vehicle tax increase is yet another bad idea to cover the administration's careless spending over the past several years. Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, Hawaii Kai) rejected the tax increase as yet another ploy to suck money from the working people of Oahu. "The administration doesn't seem to understand that Hawaii residents simply cannot afford yet another tax increase after the Mayor already burdened Oahu residents with the largest property tax increase in City history earlier this year."

"It is disappointing to see Mayor Harris pursue the same failed fiscal policies as California Gov. Gray Davis and dramatically raise the vehicle tax to cover the administration's reckless spending spree. Police officers deserve a raise, but the raise must come out of the City's existing budget. What Honolulu needs is stronger fiscal discipline, not more tax increases."

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